

Securities and Exchange Commission

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authorization with respect to such security, the issuer shall file with the Commission a request that such registration shall expire and shall accompany such request with a written explanation of the reasons why the publication of such rule or regulation leads the issuer to make such request, such registration shall expire immediately upon receipt of such request or immediately before such rule or regulation becomes effective, whichever date is later. The absence of an express reservation, in an application for registration, of the rights herein granted shall not be deemed a waiver thereof.

(Sec. 12, 48 Stat. 892, as amended; 15 U.S.C. 78l)

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UNLISTED TRADING

§ 240.12f-1 Applications for permission to reinstate unlisted trading privileges.

(a) An application to reinstate unlisted trading privileges may be made to the Commission by any national securities exchange for the extension of unlisted trading privileges to any security for which such unlisted trading privileges have been suspended by the Commission, pursuant to section 12(f)(2)(A) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78l(2)(A)). One copy of such application, executed by a duly authorized officer of the exchange, shall be filed and shall set forth:

- (1) Name of issuer;
- (2) Title of security;
- (3) The name of each national securities exchange, if any, on which such security is listed or admitted to unlisted trading privileges; and
- (4) Whether transaction information concerning such security is reported in the consolidated transaction reporting system contemplated by Rule 11Aa3-1 under the Act (§240.11Aa3-1);
- (5) The date of the Commission's suspension of unlisted trading privileges in the security on the exchange;
- (6) Any other information which is deemed pertinent to the question of whether the reinstatement of unlisted trading privileges in such security is consistent with the maintenance of fair and orderly markets and the protection of investors; and

(7) That a copy of the instant application has been mailed, or otherwise personally provided, to the issuer of the securities for which unlisted trading privileges are sought and to each exchange listed in item (3) of this section.

(Secs. 12 and 23, Pub. L. 78-291, 48 Stat 894 and 901, as amended by secs. 8 and 18, Pub. L. 94-29, 89 Stat. 117 and 155 (15 U.S.C. 78l and 78w))

[44 FR 75134, Dec. 19, 1979, as amended at 45 FR 12390, Feb. 26, 1980; 45 FR 36076, May 29, 1980; 60 FR 20896, Apr. 28, 1995]

§ 240.12f-2 Extending unlisted trading privileges to a security that is the subject of an initial public offering.

(a) *General provision.* A national securities exchange may extend unlisted trading privileges to a subject security when at least one transaction in the subject security has been effected on the national securities exchange upon which the security is listed and the transaction has been reported pursuant to an effective transaction reporting plan, as defined in §240.11Aa3-1.

(b) The extension of unlisted trading privileges pursuant to this section shall be subject to all the provisions set forth in Section 12(f) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78l(f)), as amended, and any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder, or which may be promulgated thereunder while the extension is in effect.

(c) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section:

(1) The term *subject security* shall mean a security that is the subject of an initial public offering, as that term is defined in section 12(f)(1)(G)(i) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78l(f)(1)(G)(i)), and

(2) An *initial public offering commences* at such time as is described in section 12(f)(1)(G)(ii) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78l(f)(1)(G)(ii)).

[60 FR 20896, Apr. 28, 1995, as amended at 65 FR 53565, Sept. 5, 2000]

§ 240.12f-3 Termination or suspension of unlisted trading privileges.

(a) The issuer of any security for which unlisted trading privileges on any exchange have been continued or extended, or any broker or dealer who makes or creates a market for such security, or any other person having a bona fide interest in the question of

termination or suspension of such unlisted trading privileges, may make application to the Commission for the termination or suspension of such unlisted trading privileges. One duly executed copy of such application shall be filed, and it shall contain the following information:

- (1) Name and address of applicant;
- (2) A brief statement of the applicant's interest in the question of termination or suspension of such unlisted trading privileges;
- (3) Title of security;
- (4) Names of issuer;
- (5) Amount of such security issued and outstanding (number of shares of stock or principal amount of bonds), stating source of information;
- (6) Annual volume of public trading in such security (number of shares of stock or principal amount of bonds) on such exchange for each of the three calendar years immediately preceding the date of such application, and monthly volume of trading in such security for each of the twelve calendar months immediately preceding the date of such application;
- (7) Price range on such exchange for each of the twelve calendar months immediately preceding the date of such application; and
- (8) A brief statement of the information in the applicant's possession, and the source thereof, with respect to (i) the extent of public trading in such security on such exchange, and (ii) the character of trading in such security on such exchange; and
- (9) A brief statement that a copy of the instant application has been mailed, or otherwise personally provided, to the exchange from which the suspension or termination of unlisted trading privileges is sought, and to any other exchange on which such security is listed or traded pursuant to unlisted trading privileges.

(b) Unlisted trading privileges in any security on any national securities exchange may be suspended or terminated by such exchange in accordance with its rules.

(Secs. 12(f) and 23, 15 U.S.C. 78l and 78w)

[20 FR 6702, Sept. 13, 1955, as amended at 44 FR 75135, Dec. 19, 1979; 45 FR 36076, May 29, 1980; 60 FR 20896, Apr. 28, 1995]

§ 240.12f-4 Exemption of securities admitted to unlisted trading privileges from sections 13, 14 and 16.

(a) Any security for which unlisted trading privileges on any national securities exchange have been continued or extended pursuant to section 12(f) of the Act shall be exempt from section 13 of the Act unless (1) such security or another security of the same issuer is listed and registered on a national securities exchange or registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act, or (2) such issuer would be required to file information, documents and reports pursuant to section 15(d) of the Act but for the fact that securities of the issuer are deemed to be "registered on a national securities exchange" within the meaning of section 12(f)(6) of the Act.

(b) Any security for which unlisted trading privileges on any national securities exchange have been continued or extended pursuant to section 12(f) of the Act shall be exempt from section 14 of the Act unless such security is also listed and registered on a national securities exchange or registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act.

(c)(1) Any equity security for which unlisted trading privileges on any national securities exchange have been continued or extended pursuant to section 12(f) of the Act shall be exempt from section 16 of the act unless such security or another equity security of the same issuer is listed and registered on a national securities exchange or registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act.

(2) Any equity security for which unlisted trading privileges on any national securities exchange have been continued or extended pursuant to section 12(f) of the Act and which is not listed and registered on any other such exchange or registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act shall be exempt from section 16 of the Act insofar as that section would otherwise apply to any person who is directly or indirectly the beneficial owner of more than 10 percent of such security, unless another equity security of the issuer of such unlisted security is so listed or registered and such beneficial owner is a director or officer of such issuer or directly or indirectly the beneficial